

Utah Storm Water Advisory Committee - MINUTES

June 9, 2010 10:30am Multi Agency State Office Building, 3rd Floor, Red Rocks Room

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Approval of Minutes for May 12, 2010:
 - Motion: George Burbidge Second: Curtis Christensen
- Coalition Updates
 - Salt Lake - Dan Drumiler: Water fair was May 12-13 at Hogle Zoo, attended by over 2000 students; Public Awareness poll is showing an increase in awareness, a link to results will be provided; Working on annual report; Little Cottonwood Creek is flooding, Big Cottonwood Creek is being watched. The Jordan River is not expected to flood.
 - Davis – Ashley Thoman: Working on rationale statement, prioritizing pollutants and audiences; Have list of available projects for SEP funds.
 - Weber - Wayne Crowther: Water Fair was in April with seven stations; finished SOP updates, working on elected official MS4 program/presentation. No flooding trouble so far.
 - Cache - Bill Young: Had water fair in April with about 1200 attendees; working on inter-local agreements for smaller cities to share resources; Had an RSI class last week of May, with about 20 people attending; no flooding.
 - Utah - Juan Garrido: Working on Education program and land disturbance program as a coalition. No flooding so far.
 - Washington – Jeremy Spangler: no flooding; trained hundreds of 4th graders; had a presentation at the garden fair about reducing runoff, reducing fertilizers; Looking over
 - Have a couple of illicit discharges that are being addressed
 - Washington City: marking curb boxes with decals; taught 4th graders at water fair; did some storm water education and outreach at Cotton Days; had 4 oil spills that were reported and documented; did storm water employee training
- Sub-Committee Updates
 - RSI Program - Trace Robinson
 - Now have 3 exams that will randomly be used for tests
 - Have decided that the instructors will know what the test questions are in order to help class understand the confusing issues. Instructors do not have an ethics code or policy. APWA may already have a policy that could be adopted.
 - Manuals have not yet been printed, still awaiting the updates to show up with the slides
 - APWA conference will combine with Stormwater Expo
 - There will be six breakout sessions with biggest emphasis is on Storm Water. Some classes have already been established. A lot of focus will be on construction and development industry, including BMPs for hot mix plants and batch plants. Also maintenance personnel will be tailored to.
 - The venue will allow many more booths, and could grow to become a regional conference. There is an effort to try to get more people there than typically go to the APWA fall conference.
 - The cost will be the same as it has been in the past for APWA, ASCE, and UCEA members. Ideas are being discussed for lowering the cost for other groups.
 - There will probably be opportunities for certifications including RSI
 - A request for presentations has gone out. Have anyone who wants to do a presentations email Trace Robinson, as well as ideas for topics and potential speakers
 - Working to set up an RSI training with the USFMA November conference in St. George. The conference is scheduled for Nov 3rd-5th
 - RSI fee will be added on top of any conference fees

- Trace Robinson has a lists of possible topics and speakers that will be distributed
- Common Plan of Development – Juan Garrido
 - Met with Mike Herkimer Friday to review the subordinate SWPPP template. Some changes will need to be made, mainly to clarify some of the terminology. Still under consideration by State, but is now being used in Springville.
 - Some frustration was expressed about contractors not understanding basic storm water requirements. We still need to keep trying to educate the construction community. Mike Herkimer suggested that, as a group, we need to figure out how to educate them better.
 - Contractors and many of their engineers don't understand that they don't know the storm water requirements.
 - As the new MS4 permit becomes implemented, with the new construction requirements, the contractors will then naturally learn the requirements
 - Maybe the engineers could be trained at the college level. Yet, currently, there is no requirement that SWPPPs be prepared by a PE. Those who are trained prepare better SWPPPs than those who are untrained, whether or not they are Professional Engineers.
 - Other ideas for reaching out to contractors and engineers: include seminars, reaching out to vocational schools, offer to do classes, reach out through LTAP, put questions on state contractors' test, educate city representatives who interact with the contractors/developers, hold breakfast trainings for contractors about requirements, reach out through ABC, HBA, or other contractors associations, and reach out after the fall conference to look at what seemed to work and later discuss what course of action to take.
- State Updates
 - Phase II MS4 Permit Update – Rhonda Thiele
 - Is now in 2nd public comment period; send comments to Rhonda though June 24th (so far, just one comment). Responses will be on "new" comments. State is looking to making the permit effective shortly after public comment period ends, probably in July.
 - EPA Federal General Construction Permit – Harry Campbell
 - Work being done before new permit comes out: stabilization and monitoring, database, and enforcement funds
 - Stabilization and monitoring: EPA has allowed State to come up with an alternate definition for stabilization, and write details about monitoring in the next construction general permit (monitoring will be required for sites disturbing 10 acres or more). Some aspects about monitoring still need to be determined such as frequency, allowable maximums or averages, and approved methods. Harry Campbell would like to know of people who have experience with monitoring and those who have experience with stabilization in very arid Utah areas who may be willing to give input on ideas to define stabilization. He is planning to contact AGC about this, and is open to suggestions.
 - Paul Taylor suggested that the USWAC would also be a resource to give input on some draft requirements. Further discussion was given about forming a sub-committee to work with Harry Campbell on this
 - Harry Campbell will come to next meeting with more detail to discuss
 - SEP (Supplemental Environmental Program) funds: diverts funds from enforcement actions from going to State general fund. Harry Campbell currently has some ideas, and it is nice to have a list available for those

- State is planning to update the stormwater database such as requiring email address from Notice of Intent applicants, eliminate the allowance for municipalities to get free permits, require passwords for Notice of Intent applicants, keep a history of updates, allow Notice of Terminations to be made online, allow permits to be extended online, generate status reports for municipalities on permits that have changed status. It is likely to be implemented in 2-3 months.
- Industrial Permit Letter on Hold. Mike George is back at work, but hasn't fully recovered.
- Other Business
 - Correction to what is printed on Agenda: APWA conference is Oct 5-6th
 - Next USWAC Meeting: August 11th, 2010, 10:30 am
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 - No USWAC meeting is planned for July